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SUBJECT: BILATERAL FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

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1. C. R. LEVELTON INFORMS US THAT NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY GOC ON FISHERIES PROBLEMS AND BILATERALS EXCEPT THAT ENVIRONMENT MINISTER JACK DAVIS, IN LOW KEY RESPONSE TO INQUIRY, TOLD VANCOUVER NEWSPAPERMEN THAT WHILE WASHINGTON TALKS HAD NOT REACHED SUBSTANTIAL UNDERSTANDING, INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO EXTEND LIFE OF RECIPROCAL FISHING ARRANGEMENTS AND PARTIES WOULD BE MEETING AGAIN IN MAY.

2. LEVELTON PUT IT TO US, PARLIAMENTARY RECESS FORTUNATELY PRECLUDED POSSIBILITY OF HIS TESTIFYING BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE PRIOR TO TALKS ON SALMON FISHERIES WITH AMBASSADOR MCKERNAN SCHEDULED FOR SEATTLE MAY 2-8. LEVELTON
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NOW EXPECTS TO TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE COMMONS FISHERIES COMMITTEE

DURING WEEK OF MAY 16 .

3. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT FROM LEVELTON, AGREEMENT HAS
BEEN SIGNED IN WASHINGTON EXTENDING RECIPROCAL
FISHERIES ARRANGEMENTS FROM APRIL 23 FOR UP TO ONE YEAR
CONTINGENT ON REACHING AGREEMENT AT SEATTLE ON SALMON
ISSUES. IF SUCH AGREEMENT NOT REACHED, RECIPROCAL
ARRANGEMENTS TO EXPIRE JUNE 15 SUBJECT TO PRIOR
CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS.
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